

# Argentina

## Seguir El Ritmo de la Música y las Montañas

Language Immersion, Cultural Exchange & Service Program



### ARGENTINA ENTICES VISITORS WITH AN AMAZINGLY DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE.

It's historical heritage is strongly connected to Europe, but also tied to the native Quechua Andean population in the highlands and the Guaraní indigenous culture in the Chaco subtropics.

Experience an adventure that will take you through the buzz of Buenos Aires to the gaucho plains of the pampas and up to the mountains of the Andes to revel in a land exploding with music, dance, art, and adventure!

#### Buenos Aires and Orientation

**(3 days)** – We begin our journey in the bustling capital city of Buenos Aires. This elegant yet energetic city provides a wonderful backdrop to get to know one another and Los Porteños (people from Buenos Aires). We'll spend an afternoon with professional musicians and dancers who will demonstrate the hypnotic rhythm and steps of the Tango. At the end of our stay in Buenos Aires, we'll enjoy an intimate tango concert recreating the setting of a traditional milonga (tango dance hall) and have the opportunity to experience the music that has been the beat of Buenos Aires for over a hundred years.


** Corrientes (4 days)** – From Buenos Aires, our group will head north on one of Argentina's luxurious bus lines. Our first stop will be in the 'City of Murals,' one of Argentina's oldest cities, Corrientes. The city is a wonderful mixture of colorful streets, colonial buildings, and the strong presence of the Guaraní native

culture. We will begin our community service work by teaming up with local agencies that are providing outreach to the community. We'll join with a group of students to paint a mural as a valuable form of cultural exchange and experiential learning. We will also pick up the rhythm with another exciting form of Argentinian music, the Chamamé. Accompanied by the beat of the guitarrón and bandoneon, we will have the chance to learn some new dance steps.

#### Posadas and Homestays

**(10 days)** – For the next week and a half, this lovely riverside city with an abundance of leafy parks and plazas will be 'home' to our group. With a pleasant climate (mid to upper 70's) and warm friendly people, Posadas is an ideal place for homestays and community service projects. As many of the families do not speak English, your Spanish language skills will improve daily. With an expanding population, there are many overcrowded schools that need our help with

building and assisting in the classroom with educational projects. You'll feel the sense of accomplishment in pouring a cement floor for a school classroom or teaching English to young Argentinian students eager to learn. Posadas makes for a great jumping off point for several group excursions, such as a boat trip across the Paraná River to Paraguay and a visit to some of the 17th century Jesuit ruins.

** Iguazú Falls (3 days)** – From Posadas, our group will take an overnight trip to one of the most spectacular and must-see sights in South America, Iguazú Falls. Made up of roughly 270 falls along 1.67 miles of the Iguazú River, the power, size, and noise of the falls are truly an incredible experience! We'll enjoy a variety of eco-friendly excursions and adventure rides on water and land to fully interact with and experience the falls and the National Park.

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### **G Mendoza and the Central Andes**

**(5 days)** – After a week and a half of some hard work and improved Spanish with our new host families, we will fly to Mendoza for some of the country's most exciting outdoor pursuits. Since it is winter in the "Land of Sun," we'll hit the beautiful peaks of the Andes for some recreation, relaxation, and breath-taking scenery. The ski resort of Las Leñas, located outside of Malargüe, is home to some of the best powder in the world! With a backdrop of the beautiful eroded rockscapes of the Parque Provincial Ischigualasto and the Valle de Calingasta, we'll take to the slopes with two full days of skiing or boarding on some of the driest powder in South America! For those who prefer less vertical pursuits, there are plenty of opportunities to try dog-sledding, cross-country skiing, or sledding.

### **G Buenos Aires and Travel Home**

**(3 days)** – We will round out our trip with a few more days in this fantastic metropolis known as much for its

connection to Europe as for its own romantic culture steeped in art, music, and fashion. Perhaps we'll have the opportunity to enjoy Argentina's passion for fútbol (soccer) by watching a game at the famous Club Atlético Huracán. Save your money for this last week, as Buenos Aires is renown for its shopping! Buenos Aires is one of the best places to find high end foods, fashionable clothing and cutting edge accessories at the cheapest prices. A final celebratory dinner and show in Buenos Aires will provide as with an opportunity to exchange stories and laughter from the month gone by. Don't miss this incredible adventure!

## TRIP OVERVIEW

**June 26th thru July 23rd  
(28 days)**

**Ages:** 15 to 17

**Size of group:** 16-18 students

**Tuition:** \$4,695 (plus RT airfare from Newark to Buenos Aires)

### Service Projects\*

- Paint a mural with Argentinian students
- Provide outreach for Guaraní natives
- Teach English in an elementary school
- Help construct a school classroom

### Language Immersion\*

- Speak Spanish with your leaders
- Learn Spanish through music and dance
- Interact in Spanish with Argentinian students
- Live with a host family

### Adventure and Cultural Activities\*

- Explore the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires
- Experience the music of tango and chamamé
- Take a boat ride up to the world famous Iguazú Falls
- Ski or snowboard in the Andes Mountains

\*Please note that some of the projects and activities will change from year to year, however, they will be similar to those listed. A final itinerary will be printed prior to each trip.